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REMARKS

An early indication of allowability is respectfully requested.

The above amendment is submitted in compliance with 37 CFR 1.78(a)(5)(1) for claiming benefit of prior-filed Japanese applications and to cancel claims 20-23 without prejudice. No new matter is added by the amendment, and its entry prior to examination is respectfully requested.

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